



CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN
MINUTES
December 22, 2004

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rebecca Turrentine, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:10 p.m., in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Present:

Rebecca Turrentine, Co-Chair
Pierre Batton, Co-Chair

Marc Rothenberg
Sotheara Chhay
Fabian Gonzalez
Marty Isozaki
Jeanetta McAlpin
Jon Meyer

Victor Perez
Lou Santos
Mary Soth
Chanel Suares
Chelsii Summerville

Absent:

Helen Ingram (excused)
Kate Levinstein (excused)
Lauren Perry (excused)

Alexis Peterson (excused)
Jessica Quintana (excused)
Jennifer To (excused)

Staff:

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Dan Hendricks, Commission Clerk, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Christina Santos, Research and Data Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests:

Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Reggie Carter, Long Beach City College

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner McAlpin and seconded by Commissioner Suares to approve the November 17, 2004 Commission on Youth and Children minutes with some alterations suggested by Commissioner Soth. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS

Cynthia Fogg welcomed the new Commissioner representing Job Development, Marty Isozaki and wished all the Commissioners a Happy Holidays.

Andrew Romero informed the Commissioners that the City was looking for five youth to ride in the Rose Parade float with the Mayor and asked if any of the Commissioners wanted to attend. The logistics of getting to the parade were discussed at length.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

CYC administrative issues update:

Superintendent Fogg reminded the Commissioners about the Annual Report to City Council on January 11, 2005. The Commissioners will be presenting their Annual Report and Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children. An additional presentation will be made to the Youth Services Network Annual Forum on January 18, 2005. Ms. Fogg took names of volunteers who were interested in making presentations to these groups on the report. She also wanted the youth members of the Commission to attempt to get these dates off from school if at all possible. Those who were going to be involved in the presentation will probably be called in to go over a script sometime in early January.

The Executive Committee asked that three people be given awards at the Youth Services Network Annual Forum. The three people awarded were to be Reggie Harrison, Deputy City Manager; Giovanni Fillipi, from the Youth Engagement Task Force; and Becki Nadybal, from the Children's Planning Council.

It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Perez to approve the awards at the Annual Forum for the people nominated. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fogg then introduced Phil T. Hester, the Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to brief the Commission on the Outside Optimization Study that the City of Long Beach is doing.

Mr. Hester congratulated the Commission on their work of the last year, and described the Outside Optimization Study as a tool of the City to attempt to determine what sections of their budget could be cut with minimal loss of service to the citizens of Long Beach. They are beginning to work on year three of the reductions, and are doing everything possible to ensure that Youth Services are not cut.

Cynthia Fogg also informed the Commission that HUD would like to do a presentation to the group on the current use of HUD funds and detail proposed changes to their plans. They are looking to make a presentation to the Commission in February.

V. Co-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Commission Co-Chair Batton was not present at the Executive Committee meeting and thus chose not to address the Commission at this time.

Commission Co-Chair Turrentine introduced the new Commissioner, Marty Isozaki, who will be representing Job Development. She also thanked staff for the small gifts that had been given to them. Co-Chair Turrentine also gifted her fellow Commissioners with ornaments. She presented additional awards for perfect attendance to three Commissioners; Co-Chair Pierre Batton, Commissioner Soth, and Commissioner Rothenberg.

VI. REPORTS

a. Committees

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Commissioners Turrentine and Batton, Co-Chairs **(December 14th meeting)**

The Executive Committee planned out the Commission's agenda, and asked that Andrew Romero attempt again to schedule a meeting with Councilwoman Richardson before the Annual Report was presented to City Council so that they could report that they have met with all Councilmembers.

PROFILE PROJECT COMMITTEE Superintendent Cynthia Fogg **(December 1st meeting)**

The Profile Committee had met regarding the Profile, and decided to hold off their report until their presentation of the Annual Report and Profile

b. Standing Items

I. Education and Youth Strategic Plan

The City has presented it's Report to the Community, which includes a segment on the formation of the Commission on Youth and Children and the Education and Youth Component of the Strategic Plan.

II. District Level Youth Advisory Councils

a. Report on September DLYAC meetings.

Andrew Romero and the various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils.

<i>District 1</i>	Attempting to set up regular meetings, last meeting on the 6th
<i>District 2</i>	Their staff person had left the office, and they will be resuming next month with a new staff person.
<i>District 3</i>	Had a small holiday party with Councilmember Colonna
<i>District 4</i>	They are starting to get youth involved via PAL, but are still recruiting
<i>District 5</i>	Pending
<i>District 6</i>	Commissioner Chhay met with 6 th District staff to find locations and times for their meetings

<i>District 7</i>	Holiday party
<i>District 8</i>	Holiday party
<i>District 9</i>	Up to 11 members, discussed plans for 2005. Discussed plans for beautification of the city around areas where youth congregate, such as the skate park. They also discussed gang issues.

It was moved by Commissioner Chhay and seconded by Commissioner Rothenberg to receive and file the reports from the November/December DLYAC meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

b. DLYAC Violence Discussion Guides.

It was suggested that the Violence Discussion Guides be distributed to the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force to use as a tool in some of their meetings, and then that they meet with each DLYAC to discuss the issues discussed in the guides.

It was moved by Commissioner Chhay and seconded by Commissioner Rothenberg to integrate the Violence Discussion guides with Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force presentations to the DLYACs. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Youth and Gang Violence Task Force

Had a Holiday meeting on December 13, 2004. Mayor O'Neill thanked the Task Force for their work over the last year and Mike Gillette presented a brief overview of what exactly they had done. The Task Force had a variety of speakers who addressed various issues important to the task force or suggested ideas. There were also representatives of the Long Beach Press-Telegram, who wrote up a nice article on the meeting.

c. Report(s)

CYC Youth and Children's Profile Report

Cynthia Fogg presented an updated copy *CYC Annual Report, January 04-December 04, including the Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children*. The profile was reviewed by the Commission, which included their first look at the color covers and tabs to be added to the final draft. Commissioners were shown the final lay out of the report before it went to be printed.

It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Santos to approve the annual report, including the Profile of Long Beach Youth and Children, and direct staff to agendize the report for the January 11, 2005 meeting of the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. CORRESPONDANCE

a. **Outgoing**

A letter was signed by Co-Chairs Batton and Turrentine thanking Councilmember Lowenthal for meeting with the Executive Committee.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Youth Services NETWORK Executive Planning Committee (EPC) nomination process for recognition award – Status:** Pending
- b. **Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Workshops for CYC (May 26th, 04)** - The CYC authorized staff to contract with YLI to organize four workshops intended to advance youth/adult relationships and their impact on policy. **Status:** The CYC has now held two of the workshops. They are tentatively planning the third workshop at some time in February or March.
- c. **Harbor Commission** – The Commission authorized staff to work with the Executive Committee to draft a point paper for submittal to the Harbor Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 23rd**, at 5:00 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Chhay and seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez to adjourn the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children at 7:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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